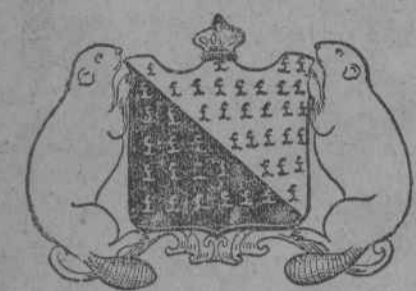


# AMERICAN COATS OF ARMS

European Armorial Bearings Bodily Stolen and Used by Rich Americans.

Americans who have been particularly interested in the course of William Waldorf Astor, who has just formally renounced his American citizenship and sworn allegiance to Queen Victoria, are wondering whether he will now sport a coat of arms.

By one rather cynical Briton, who is pretty well posted in heraldry, it has been suggested that since the Astor fortunes were founded in the far trade it would be well for the naturalized English representative of the family to adopt beavers "rampant," supporting a shield "charged" with pounds sterling signs. But those who



Suggestion for an Astor Coat of Arms.

quote Mr. Astor best declare that he is not likely to ape the English aristocracy to the extent of adopting a "fake" coat of arms. "The American weakness for armorial bearings" said an Englishman who has "arms" of his own, "is an incomprehensible thing to most Europeans, and a source of much unholy mirth. It is true that the display of a crest or a coat of arms to which the possessor is entitled will insure a certain degree of respect for the man who is entitled to it, but it is also true that the use of such an aristocratic device by one whom it has not descended by hereditary right calls out only ridicule.

"Notwithstanding this, and the fact that at the time of the Revolution there were only a few hundred persons in the thirteen colonies entitled to armorial bearings, there are now in the United States hundreds of thousands who display them. Among all these imitators the descendants of the few who were originally entitled to them are a handful only, comparatively speaking, while the designs are often appropriated bodily from the arms of aristocratic foreign

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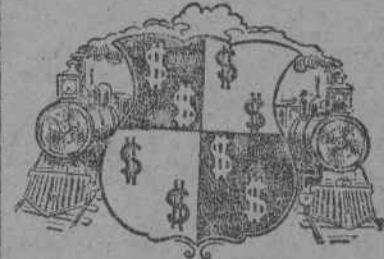
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Mr. George M. Fullman might use for his supporters a colored pouter and a white conductor, both "rampant" flanking a shield charged with a drummer "enchaîné" on an "abesse" berth, and with a crown surmounted palace car in guise of crest superposed to the shield.

For the armorial bearings of the family of the late Jay Gould, there could be only one appropriate species of supporters—namely, bears "rampant," which would revive the memory of the lamented financier's clever manipulation of the stock market, while the use of the familiar three ostrich feathers arising from a royal crown, might remind the fellow-citizens of George Gould of his ephemeral association with the Prince of Wales at Cowes.

Curiously enough, the titled members of the great London banking house of Barling Brothers, which failed in such a sensational manner a few years ago, have really chosen bears as their heraldic supporters.

At any rate, these armorial bearings, like

those of the American families mentioned, would have the merit of honesty and originality, and would, moreover, furnish some indication of the means by which the founders of the "reigning" families of the United States have raised themselves to their present eminence.

Presentation to Mr. Pollack.

A beautiful diamond pin was presented to Mr. Henry Pollack, of No. 506 Sixth avenue, last Wednesday evening in recognition of his valor in behalf of the "Rachel Fieldston Sisterhood," of which Mr. Pollack is the secretary. The presentation took place at the meeting, which was held at No. 157 East Twenty-seventh street.

If mothers would only teach their daughters the importance of taking care of their health in a womanly way, there would be fewer young brides going to the altar arm-in-arm with death, and fewer young mothers who never live to nurse their babes. Before a woman enters upon the obligations of wifehood and motherhood, she should be sure that she is fitted for the duties before her by the possession of good womanly health. No woman can be healthy in a general way who suffers from weakness and disease of the distinctly feminine organs.

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"My wife had been a great sufferer for a number of years with nervous prostration, associated with every symptom that women of her age (45) are liable to have," writes Dr. O. Gardner, Esq., of 125 Diamond St., Little Falls, N. Y. "She doctored with local doctors until I was not able to pay a doctor bill. Last February she consulted Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and his 'Golden Medical Discovery.' Her health is better now than it has been in six years. If she had used the medicine six years ago I might have been a good many hundred dollars better off."

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